

## Mobility Management of Brown County

"Creating Independence"

Mobility Management of Brown County contributes to long-range planning goals of the county and our extensive network of partners, to move elderly and disabled individuals where they need to go at a price they can afford.



Watch for meeting notices sent via email or regular mail.

Mobility Management is **not** a service provider and the Mobility Coordinator does **not** schedule rides.

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#### **Green Bay Metro Now Offers Travel Training:**



Learn how to use Green Bay Metro's fixed route bus system through Travel Training. Learn to:

read bus schedules, use route guides, plan a trip, load a bicycle, how to

board and alight the bus, accommodate a mobility device, purchase a pass or fare, and more!

Group presentations, group outings, and personalized individual training are available.

Anyone is eligible for training. And, it's **free!** 

Call 448-3457 to schedule an appointment.

#### **Transportation service expanded to Hobart**

Curative Connections is a nonprofit organization offering specialized transportation services in Brown County to adults 60 years and older and people with disabilities. Door-to-door rides are provided for many types of appointments. The program is staffed primarily by volunteers and costs only \$3.00 per ride.

Curative Connections Transportation Service is now available in Hobart.

For more information, to volunteer, or to schedule a ride, call 920-227-4272.

## Progress in Brown County:

- Transportation providers completed a survey which tallied inventory, policies, requirements, processes, and more.
- In May, Brown County residents had the opportunity to complete a survey about transportation needs. 200 people responded.
- The Travel Training program was created to teach more individuals how to ride Green Bay Metro's fixed route system.
- A Focus Group has begun with the primary goals of identifying and filling transportation gaps in Brown County. Group meets monthly. Call 448-3457 for more information.

# Mobility Management Programs at work in Wisconsin

## **Success in Door County:**

Many Door County residents live in rural areas. As their needs changed, so did the challenge of transportation. In 2006, a transportation steering committee was formed. It began as a grantfunded group of for-profit and nonprofit trans-



portation providers and government agencies who came together to address the growing need. One year later, under the committee's direction, a consortium was formed and had 40 active members. Part-

nerships assisted in gathering and documenting unmet needs which resulted in a call center which later became known as Door-Tran.

#### Quick Fact:

Older citizens who do not drive make 15% fewer trips to the doctor, 59% fewer trips to shopping and restaurants, 65% fewer trips for social or religious activities than those who do drive.

Reference:

Bailey, Linda. 2014.

"Aging Americans:

Stranded without options"

Several programs developed that assisted low-income individuals, and allowed older adults and people with disabilities to continue living in their homes while remaining self-sufficient and independent.

One of the programs offers Half-Price Travel and Gas Vouchers, serving more than 500 people with almost 40,000 trips to date. The program allows individuals to purchase taxi vouchers through Door-Tran at half price and use the vouchers when taking a taxi ride. The taxi company then submits the voucher back to Door-Tran and is reimbursed for the amount of the trip, which is subsidized through specific grant funding and other funding streams.

Mobility Management programs such as Door-Tran allow for individualized out-of-the-box solutions catered to the needs of the community in which it operates.

## David's Story

David moved to Green Bay from Madison in 1970 to be near family. He used public transportation to travel to work out of necessity; epilepsy kept him from driving.

Having difficulty with walking now at age 68, David uses both paratransit and fixed route to live life to the fullest.

"I like taking the bus [fixed route] on Saturdays because it's free and I attend the Farmer's Market. It's fun!" Paratransit is necessary in bad weather or when his ankles are troublesome, but David likes that no appointments are required to use the fixed route. This freedom adds spontaneity to life. On Sundays when the buses do not operate, he uses a taxi cab to attend church.

David also uses the bus to attend NWTC where, at age 68, he is completing his GED.